

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 705
By Whitson

A RESOLUTION to specially recognize the exemplary service of legislative intern Tara Christena Walters.

WHEREAS, legislative interns play a very important role in the legislative process by performing a wide variety of tasks, including research and constituent services, for legislators and legislative staff; and

WHEREAS, Representatives Zane Whitson, Bob Patton, Keith Westmoreland, Raymond Walker, and Charles Sargent have been very fortunate to have Tara Christena Walters as their legislative intern during the often hectic 1998 session of the One-Hundredth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Tara has been a very competent and intelligent worker who has been anxious to please and to learn; and

WHEREAS, each person with whom she has come in contact has been favorably impressed with her exceptional dedication and diligence; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greeneville, she was raised in the beautiful, quaint town of Tusculum in East Tennessee, where the Nolichucky River flows; and

WHEREAS, Tara is the daughter of proud parents James Thomas and Christina Linda Barber Walters; and

WHEREAS, her father is a country boy from Warrensburg, Tennessee, who grew up on a farm, and his family also operated "Walters Crossroads" a popular community store for many

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years before it closed. The road on which the store was located is still named Walters Crossroads in its honor; and

WHEREAS, a city girl, her mother is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who met her beloved husband, James, at Tusculum College, in the town where Tara was raised and still lives today; and

WHEREAS, she has one sister, Tamara Loren Walters; and

WHEREAS, Tara did not venture too far from her home when she decided to attend East Tennessee State University, which is located in the neighboring mountain-splendor town of Johnson City, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a popular and highly regarded student, she is a 1995 graduate of East Tennessee State University; she earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Political Science and a minor in Sociology; and

WHEREAS, while an undergraduate at ETSU, Tara was a member of Pi Gamma Mu, a social science honor society; and

WHEREAS, she is currently enrolled in Graduate School at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Tara's passion in life is gourmet cooking and she engages in the "joy of cooking" at every opportunity. She has successfully catered several events in Greeneville; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize Tara Christena Walters' commendable service to this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Tara Christena Walters, upon her exemplary service as a legislative intern, express our deepest appreciation to this remarkable young lady and wish her much continued success and "Bon Appetit".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.